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QUOTE

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

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SUBJ: ABU DA' UD CONFESSION

SUMMARY: CONFESSION OF BLACK SEPTEMBER INFILTRATOR ABU DA' UD, WHO ARRESTED IN JORDAN EARLY FEBRUARY, AIRED ON AMMAN TV MARCH 24. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM FBIS TRANSLATION FOR BENEFIT OF POSTS NOT RECEIVING THIS FBIS SERIES. CONTAINS DETAILS OF JORDAN PLOT AND REVELATIONS OF FATAH ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. END SUMMARY.

1. JORDAN TV EVENING MARCH 24 CARRIED FOURTH AND TO DATE FULLEST CONFESSION OF ABU DA' UD. ARABIC TEXT DELIVERED TO ALL FOREIGN MISSIONS IN AMMAN MARCH 26.
PARA 2 CONTAINS HIGHLIGHTS OF ABU DA' UD' S STATEMENTS
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PER FBIS TRANSLATION, WHICH ALSO RECEIVED ON 26 TH. INFO ADDRESSEES FOR THIS MSG ARE POSTS WHICH NOT ON FBIS DIS-

TRIBUTION. SUGGEST THOSE DESIRING FULL TEXT INFORM
FBIS KYRENIA, REQUESTING M 242313 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT
ADDS.

2. A) I DO NOT BELONG TO ANY POLITICAL PARTY, ONLY
FATAH WHICH IS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION; MEMBER OF REV-
OLUTIONARY COUNCIL SINCE NOVEMBER 1970. ATTENDED 9-
WEEK INTELLIGENCE COURSE CAIRO BEGINNING AUGUST 10,
1 968. TRANSFERRED TO AMMAN TO SET UP CENTRAL INTELLI-
GENCE LATE 19 68. REPLACED AS INTELLIGENCE CHIEF BY
ABU IYAD MAY 1969. (PROVIDES HERE NUMEROUS NAMES OF
COHORTS.) EARLY 1972 APPOINTED OFFICER IN LEBANESE
SECTOR MILITIA. IN MARCH 1972 TRAVELED AS MEMBER OF
OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO PRC AND NORTH KOREA.

B) (ANSWERING QUESTION ABOUT FATAH ORGANIZATIONAL
STRUCTURE) IN THEORY, REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL COMES
IN IMMEDIATELY AFTER CENTRAL COMMITTEE. CENTRAL
COMMITTEE SUPPOSED TO SUBMIT FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION
ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO MOVEMENT. NORMALLY, COUNCIL'S
VIEWS NOT CONSIDERED. DEPT' Y CHIEFS OF VARIOUS DE-
PARTMENTS ARE FROM COUNCIL. FATAH LEADERSHIP CONSISTS
OF: CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WHICH LAST ELECTED SEPT. 1971.
IT ELECTED BY CONGRESS CONSISTING MEMBERS OF FORMER
CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND FORMER REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL
PLUS SEVERAL OTHERS. CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS (IN
FACT) BOTH ELECTED AND APPOINTED (NAMES PROVIDED).
CENTRAL COMMITTEE ELECTS FROM ITS MEMBERS A GENERAL
COMMAND RESPONSIBLE FOR FATAH ARMED FORCES. PRESENTLY
9 MEMBERS ELECTIVE AND 2 APPOINTIVE. REVOLUTIONARY
COUNCIL ELECTED SAME TIME AND PLACE (DAMASCUS, SEPT.
1971). THIS INCLUDES MILITARY COUNCIL APPOINTED BY
GENERAL COMMAND, FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY CENTRAL
COMMITTEE, AND DELEGATES ASSIGNED TO REGIONAL AREAS
(NAMES GIVEN). MILITARY COUNCIL'S DUTIES ACTUALLY
NIL. OTHER DEPARTMENTS INCLUDE: WESTERN SECTOR;
INFORMATION: " OBSERVATION" (I. E. INTELLIGENCE- AL
RASD); FOREIGN RELATIONS; MOBILIZATION AND ORGANIZATION;
SUPPLY; FINANCE; JORDANIAN AFFAIRS. (NAMES OF
KEY PERSONS IN ABOVE DEPTS AND REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS
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PROVIDED) MENTIONS SAYF AL WADI WHO ONCE ASSIGNED
TO AMERICA BUT ADDS THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE DELEGATE
PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO U. S. BELIEVES DELEGATE CURRENTLY
IN USSR.)

C) (DESCRIPTION OF JORDAN OPERATION): DID NOT RETURN
TO JORDAN BETWEEN MAY 15, 1971 UNTIL ARRESTED FEBRUARY
1973. ARRIVED HERE IN ORDER TO INFORM YOUTHS COMING
TO AMMAN THAT OBJECTIVE WAS TO OCCUPY PRIMINISTRY,

ARREST MINISTERS, AND BARGAIN FOR RELEASE OF ABOUT 40 DETAINEES IN JORDAN. OPERATION CONCEIVED BY ABU IYAD JULY 1972. ABU IYAD PROMISED TO PRODUCE SAUDI AND BAHRAIN PASSPORTS. OPERATION SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE PILGRIMAGE SEASON. HOWEVER, BANGKOK OCCURRED LATE DEC 1972. ABU IYAD DISTRIBUTED SAUDI, JORDANIAN, BAHRAIN, AND OMAN PASSPORTS; HE HAD OBTAINED THESE IN COOPERATION WITH PFLP THROUGH TAWFIG AL TARAWI, WHO COORDINATES BETWEEN PFLP AND FATAH MOVEMENTS. COORDINATION BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS IS SECRET AND COMPLETE, DESPITE OUTWARD SIGNS MAINTAINED FOR POLITICAL, FINANCIAL, AND IDEOLOGICAL OBJECTIVES, PARTICULARLY IN GULF AND SAUDI ARABIA. BEFORE OPERATION VISITED ELEMENTS IN CAMP NEAR BAGHDAD WHICH BELONGS TO MOVEMENT. WENT TO KUWAIT, THEN RETURNED TO BAGHDAD AFTER RECEIVING CABLE THROUGH MOVEMENT'S WIRELESS WHICH INSTRUCTED MEETING WITH ABU IYAD. LATTER NOT THERE BUT FOUND ABU 'AMMAR AND ABU MAZIN ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO IRAQ. DID NOT DISCUSS OPERATION WITH THEM BECAUSE MOVEMENT'S PRACTICE IS TO DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS WITH PERSON IN CHARGE OF OPERATION. HAD LEFT KUWAIT WITH FAKE JORDANIAN PPT; ENTERED IRAQ WITH FAKE SAUDI PPT CONTAINING FAKE KUWAIT EXIT PERMIT. TWENTY ELEMENTS DIVIDED INTO FOUR GROUPS SCHEDULED TO ENTER JORDAN. NONE OF ELEMENTS OR GROUP COMMANDERS KNEW AIM OF OPERATION. GROUP TO OVERPOWER PRIME GUARDS AND DETAIN MINISTERS ATTENDING REGULAR CABINET SESSION FEB 10, 1973. OF GOJ AUTHORITIES AGREED TO RELEASE DETAINEES, DEMAND WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE TO FLY DETAINEES TO TUNISIA. UPON ARRIVAL, TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR IN AMMAN OR BEIRUT WOULD BE GIVEN CODEWORD TO BE PASSED TO ELEMENT HOLDING PRIME HOSTAGES, WHO WOULD THEN DEMAND TO FLY INTO LIBYA WITH HOSTAGES. UNCLASSIFIED

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D) WAS IN SOFIA BUYING ARMS FOR FATAH EARLY AUGUST 1972. ABU IYAD ARRIVED FROM SWITZERLAND, INFORMED ME OF INTENTION TO ATTACK ISRAEL TEAM AT MUNICH OLYMPICS. (DESCRIBES DETAILS OF MUNICH OPERATION, INCLUDING NAMES.) INSTRUCTIONS DID NOT INCLUDE OPENING FIRE ON ISRAELI TEAM. IT SEEMED THAT ABU IYAD BEHIND BOTH AMMAN AND MUNICH OPERATIONS; I CANNOT SAY DEFINITELY WHETHER HE PLANNED WITH OTHERS OR WAS WORKING ON HIS OWN.

E) ANSWERING QUESTION ABOUT 1970 JORDAN EVENTS); FEDAYEEN ACTION IN JORDAN LED TO SEPTEMBER EVENTS. IT STARTED WITH FABRICATION OF INTERNAL CRISES AND ENDED WITH ATTEMPT TO SEIZE POWER. THIS RESULTED IN WITHDRAWAL OF SYRIAN AND IRAQI ARMIES FROM JORDAN AND PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION OF EASTERN FRONT.

F) THERS IS NO RPT NO SUCH THING AS BLACK SEPTEMBER. FATAH ANNOUNCES ITS OPERATIONS UNDER THIS NAME SO THAT IT WILL NOT APPEAR AS DIRECT EXECUTOR OF OPERATIONS, ONLY THE INTELLIGENCE ORGAN. ABU IYAD DOES NOT LINK OPERATIONS TO BLACK SEPTEMBER. HE CARRIES OUT SPECIAL OPERATIONS WHOSE QUALITY, NOT NUMBER, ACCENTUATED. OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY ABU YUSIF IN COLLABORATION WITH KHALIL AL- WAZIR-- ABU JIHAD-- ARE USUALLY AD HOC. THEY DO NOT NEED LONG- TERM PLANNING.

G) NAMING OPERATIONS BY PERPETRATORS): SUCCESSFUL ABU IYAD OPERATIONS WERE MUNICH AND KILLING OF ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IN MADRID JAN 1973. UNSUCCESSFUL ONE WAS AMMAN. SUCCESSFUL ALI SALAMAH ONES INCLUDED BLOWING UP OIL TANKS IN TRIESTE, GAS STORAGE TANKS IN NETHERLANDS AND GERMANY, KILLING FIVE JORDANIANS IN HAMBURG, FIRING SHOTS AT JORDAN AMBASSADOR IN LONDON, AND BLOWING UP ISRAELI VESSEL IN U. S. UNSUCCESSFUL ONE WAS ATTEMPTED ATTACK ON ISRAEL- BOUND JEWS IN AUSTRIA. SUCCESSFUL ABU YUSIF JOBS INCLUDED ASSASSINATION OF WASFI TELL, FAILURES INCLUDED LOD AIRPORT AND BANGKOK. ANOTHER OPERATION SUPPOSED TO OCCUR WITH BANGKOK WAS ATTACK ON ISRAELI EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST. BROWN
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